

**IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA**

IN THE MATTER OF)	
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)	
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DOUGLAS VANMIDDLESWORTH)	Case No.
)	
AS SENIOR JUDGE IN THE)	
)	
WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT)	

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The Supreme Court Judge Pro Tempore presiding in the Wayne Circuit Court has requested the appointment of Senior Judge Douglas VanMiddlesworth for service in that court for 2005, pursuant to Ind.Code §33-4-8-1.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the Wayne Circuit Court has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources based on this court's most recent weighted caseload statistics. We find further that the Supreme Court Judge Pro Tempore presiding in the Wayne Circuit Court would benefit from the appointment of senior judges to that court. Senior Judge Douglas VanMiddlesworth has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year 2005 pursuant to Ind. Code §33-2.1-4-17. This Court

may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge Douglas VanMiddlesworth is appointed to serve in the requesting trial court at the discretion of the requesting judge, effective **March 1, 2005**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2005**. The requesting trial court shall utilize no more than twenty (20) senior judge service days in the aggregate during the period ending December 31, 2005, and it shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of that court to ensure that no more than twenty (20) senior judge service days are used. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-4-8-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2005 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable Gary McCarty, Supreme Court Judge Pro Tempore presiding in the Wayne Circuit Court; to the Honorable Douglas VanMiddlesworth; to the clerk of the Wayne Circuit Court for entry in the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this _____ day of March, 2005.

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana